

# SA Page

## Your Students' Association

### Clubs...Clubs....more Clubs!

This year, we have had a record number of clubs register with us for funding, well at least a record number in as many years. For a complete listing of Clubs on campus, read this whole paper cause it's in here somewhere!

The SA sets aside \$9,000 - 10,000 annually for Club budgets. This year, we have given close to \$10,000 to 24 Clubs. What does this mean to you? Well, there is a wide variety of Clubs out there, one or two of which might be of interest to you, the average student!

But how do I find out about these Clubs, you ask. Well, you can stop by the Club Fair which will be held on Halloween, October 31st from 11 am - 3 pm in the Faith and Life Lounge (if this paper comes out after Halloween, don't blame me).

Get involved, join a club and have some fun!

### Straight from the suggestion box!

Time in next month when we will address the burning question "Why not put a bar on campus?" and the comment "You guys elect trash" plus other fine comments, questions, and concerns (and you thought we just threw your suggestions into a room of trained monkeys and let them hush it out....hmmmm, nope this is serious business folks!

### Did you know?

If you are having problems on campus and don't know where to turn, the Students' Association can help! Our student advocate, Jeremy Wideman, can consult with you about many things. And, he can steer you in the right direction if your problems are real tough. We are only a phone call away!

### Suggestions anyone?

Do you have a beef? Do you have ideas for this campus? Or do you just want to vent?

Use the SA's suggestion boxes located in the Classroom Bldg, right by our board near the Coffeehouse, and in the Faith and Life Lounge (by the time this paper comes out I will have a fresh supply of suggestion pads out there).

### Will the madness ever end?

In what can only be called the most unprecedented move in SA history, President Krista Piebiak took the bull by the horns and asked for Council's approval on two individuals to fill the remaining Council seats after Fall elections. When confronted about her brazen move, Ms. Piebiak stated, "I thought we were supposed to have a full Council". Indeed. Who are these people anyway? Let's take a closer look.....

**Eldon Banack**

Over 25 Rep  
Bawlf, AB  
Poli Sci major  
Likes hockey, baseball, and quading

**Marina Agafonov**

First Year Rep  
Rimbey, AB  
Music/English major  
Likes piano, walking, and can speak 3 languages!

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Third Year Rep  
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Phys. Ed/Math major  
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**Becky Schroeder**

Second Year Rep  
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Likes making prayer flags

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Waterloo, ON  
Likes rock music, playing guitar, and literature

**Cindy Roose**

Office Manager  
Camrose, AB  
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**Jennifer Beyer**

Board of Regents Rep  
Fort Sask., AB  
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Strathmore, AB  
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**Matthew Hebert**

Second Year Rep  
St. Vincent, AB  
Likes politics and current affairs

**Kara Harding**

First Year Rep  
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Crime/Community major  
Likes hockey

**Mberia Stanley**

Intl. Students' Rep  
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Biochemistry major  
Likes volleyball, politics, and governance

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Computer Science major  
Likes to make noise

**Christina Belsheim**

VP Internal  
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Psychology major  
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**John Muhlbach**

Off Campus Rep  
Psychology major  
Big Valley, AB  
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**Krista Piebiak**

President  
Valleyview, AB  
Biology major  
Likes Harry Potter, movies, reading, Quidditch

**Dustin Pfeifer**

Off Campus Rep  
Camrose, AB  
Likes hockey, baseball, tennis, and music

**Jeremy Wideman**

Executive VP  
Camrose, AB  
Likes playing guitar and music

### Who represents you where????

Council members sit on various institutional committees to represent student interests on campus. Here is a list:

Dean of Students Advisory Committee - Krista Piebiak, Shauna Littlefair, Jennifer Beyer, Darci Penrod  
Alumni Association - Krista Piebiak, Dustin Pfeifer, Christina Belsheim  
Judiciary Committee - Christina Belsheim, Matthew Hebert  
Governance Committee - Krista Piebiak, Jennifer Beyer  
Curriculum Committee - Dylan Anderson, Jeremy Wideman  
Sexual Harassment Committee - Krista Piebiak  
Library Committee - Stanley Mberia  
Campus Ministry Advisory Committee - Shauna Littlefair, John Muhlbach  
Crisis Planning Committee - Megan Stables, Kara Harding  
Convocation Steering Committee - Derek Kilbourn  
Coordinating Committee - Krista Piebiak  
Strategic Planning Committee - Krista Piebiak, Matthew Hebert  
Academic Regulations - Christina Belsheim  
Institutional Computing and Network Services - Mark Maina  
AUC Mission Statement - Krista Piebiak  
Child, Youth, and Family Services - Jennifer Beyer  
Student Review Board - Alan Fiebach, Philip Dua, Dan Anderson, Amber Othen, Heather McCormack, Jamie Schnurer

Not all of these students are on ASC, but they have generously volunteered their time (we only had to break a few legs) for the greater good. If you have any comments or suggestions for representatives of these committees, contact them directly or come up to the SA offices. Your input is what matters here!

Adding to this madness, President Piebiak also extends an invitation to all students that Council meetings are open! Preposterous but true - Wednesdays at 5:45 pm in the SA Boardroom.

Disclaimer: Rumour and innuendo abound regarding the vandalism that occurred on campus recently. Although, in some circles, the Student Council would become the prime suspects in this mystery, we are sorry to say that we had nothing to do with it. After all, we are afraid of heights!

# Kyoto?

by Joanne Brownlee

The Kyoto Protocol was drafted in 1997 conference at Kyoto, Japan to reduce man-made greenhouse gases. Thirty-eight industrialized countries are to cut their greenhouse gas emissions by 5.2% by 2010, compared to their 1990 levels. Developing nations are part of the Kyoto agreement but are not required to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The fact that developing nations do not have to reduce their emissions has been criticized by the Bush administration. The United States claims that if it were to follow the Kyoto Protocol, it would have to scale back business efforts and the economy would suffer.

Many scientists are up in arms also about the Kyoto Protocol. These scientists are not convinced that there is the scientific evidence to back up the claims laid out about the increase in greenhouse gases and the threat of an oncoming ice age and rising temperatures. Some people go so far as to believe that the Earth warming up and the rise of so called greenhouse gases is a hoax. The United States produces

the most amount of carbon dioxide gas, 5.2 million kt in 1995 up 5% from 1990 levels. Canada, 500, 000 kt up 7.7 % from 1990 levels. Japan, the Netherlands and Sweden's carbon dioxide emissions went up an average of about 8% compared to 1990 levels. Germany's carbon dioxide emissions went down 13.5 % in 1995 from their 1990 levels. Something must be done to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This would require us to rethink how we live. For example, using alternative sources of fuel instead of fossil fuels and modifying gas-guzzling vehicles. The Alberta government has criticized Kyoto for being too drastic and it would inevitably shock Alberta's fossil fuel based economy. Critics like David Suzuki have rebutted Klein's initiative to stiffen the adoption of Kyoto, saying that industry has to be held responsible for its impact on the environment. Suzuki challenged Klein to an open debate. The Premier did not respond. *More info? Go to , [www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca), search for Kyoto.*

# The Throne Speech

by Matthew Hebert

When I was asked to write about last month's throne speech from the federal government, I wasn't sure if I would have anything valuable to write about. Much of the speech consisted of 'recycled' proposals from past throne speeches that

were never acted upon. These proposals were made by outgoing Prime Minister Jean Chretien since 1993, the year he took office. Now that he has promised to leave, there is a rush to find a legacy to define his nine years in office. One would think that a leader

would do things during his time in office that the people would remember and honor. However, this is not the case with Chretien. As a result, federal bureaucrats spent their summer...

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# Universities?

by Andrea Godziuk, continued from p. 1

One of Mr. Pocklington's main arguments was the presences of a high percentage of sessional lecturers that are hired in institutions. At the U of A, about 55% of the lectures are taught by sessional teachers. Most of these sessional lectures are assigned for 1st and 2nd year students. In many cases these new students don't have any classes with a professor. Professors prefer higher level courses that how to do more with their researching and publications. It seems as though the purpose and objective of being a professor is not what everyone thinks it entails. According to the Oxford dictionary, professor is defined

as a) a university academic of the highest rank, b) a university teacher. So why are professors called teachers when someone they don't even teach? Being a professor has become more researched based than teaching based. Before a professor is even considered for a promotion or a contract, they must have published 6 major research papers. 3 colleagues who do not know the professor or their teachings or how they are as teachers then assess these publications. These assessments are what determine a promotion or contract. A continuing contract depends 90% on published research and 10% on actual teaching. Professors don't have time to be in a classroom if they have to research so much. In return, sessional professors are teaching undergraduate students, where in some cases are unqualified to be teaching in a university setting. Being a professor has become more researched based than teaching based. Before a professor is even considered for a promotion or a contract, they must have published 6 major research papers. 3 colleagues who do not know the professor or their teachings or how they are as teachers then assess these publications. These assessments are what determine a promotion or contract. A continuing contract depends 90% on published research and 10% on actual teaching. Professors don't have time to be in a classroom if they have to research so much. In return, sessional professors are teaching undergraduate students, where in some cases are unqualified to be teaching in a university setting. So what can be done to change the system? In many ways it is a cycle. Universities invest largely in profs as well

as research that will increase their prestige and which in turn makes them more desirable to attend. Students want to attend the best university and attain a degree that holds weight in the academic world. In turn profs buy into the idea that research is their principle reason for their position in the university system and in order to maintain their positions they must continue to do research. The whole university system is a somewhat poignant reflection of the values of society: prestige and wealth. Sadly, that which ought to be valued by society and academia, the principles of a balanced, in depth, and thoughtful education, are often neglected. Students wind up asking, "What did I just learn?" "What does this little piece of paper on my wall mean?" As cycles go, there are many contributors. Pocklington argues that it is the responsibility of all involved in the process of education, from administration to the students, to take initiative to better the system in which they partake. Pocklington commended Augustana for its size and quality of education. We, as individuals, can impact the programs offered as well as the nature in which they are offered. He cautioned all those at Augustana to cling to the diversity and quality of our liberal arts education and not to let it crumble under the pressure of big bucks or prestigious research. You always have a choice as to which class to take, or even to not take one at all. In such a small university setting then people refusing to take a class can change the whole face of a program. Quality education is something that we deserve, so as students, we need to demand for quality. Especially when we are paying over \$5300 for tuition...

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# Analysis of Throne Speech

by Matthew Hebert, continued from pg. 3

-searching for policies and proposals that would form a legacy for the PM. Their search materialized in the Throne Speech on September 30. With 29 previous proposals and 29 new ones, Chretien would like to leave behind a Canada full of "new opportunities" and "new possibilities" that finding problems." There is one problem: A speech filled with rhetoric and emotional mumble-jumble may look impressive and win hearts but it does not tackle the real problems Canadians face. If Chretien truly wants to leave a legacy by which he can be remembered, he should look beyond the narrow document that is the throne speech.

What should he do? For starters, he could listen to his auditor general which has recommended that close to \$16 billion in "wasteful" and questionable spending be redirected. This would not impress the beneficiaries of this spending but it seems most of them are concentrated in Quebec and have connections to the Liberal party. Last time I checked Canada was more than those two things. Would this

money be redirected, several social concerns would be addressed. Perhaps, \$3 billion could be directed to post-secondary students through scholarships and new funding to deal with tuition increases and the infrastructure concerns of universities. Another \$3 billion should find its way to provinces and municipalities to address their infrastructure concerns. At least \$5 billion should be spent on health care notably for diagnostic equipment and home care. The remaining \$4 billion could address the concerns of drought-stricken prairie farmers, middle class tax relief, incentives for entrepreneurs and so on. Beyond fiscal matters, he should look at democratic reforms. Chretien's time in office will sadly be defined by the concentration of power in the PM's office. This office dictates political appointments, policy choices, and the way MP's vote in Parliament.

The PM should extend to the backbencher MP's he's shown so little respect to by giving them the right to more free votes and allowing them to introduce more private member bills. He could also

allow his appointees to various crown corporations placed under greater scrutiny. Finally, he could be the Prime Minister to set fixed election dates thereby placing power into the voter's hands and taking it away from the whim of the Prime Minister.

Clearly, this would be a legacy for which the Prime Minister could be remembered. The problem is that while he should have been leaving a legacy over the past nine years, he is setting himself to be forgotten.

## MEXICAN MOVIE NIGHT!!!!

Nothing to do on a Wednesday night in Camrose? Come watch Shrek in spanish with english subtitles! Wed. Oct. 30, 2002 6:30 pm in M020 Pop and Chips will be provided! Chat with past participants of the RDX exchange or just watch the movie and tell us not to bug you...

# The Useful and the Useless

- by Professor David Tabachnick, Political Studies

A liberal arts education is useless. Now, before my students demand tuition refunds and my colleagues sign up for early retirement, let me explain. It is useless because it is a good in itself. That is to say, it is not for something else. Unlike engineering, computer training, or medicine, there is no profession or job immediately associated with a liberal arts degree. Yes, both the public and private sector look to hire liberal arts students. But this is not because they know the history of medieval Europe or Plato's allegory of the cave. Instead, it is because they have been trained to question, think, and learn. Sometimes, however, these skills are more trouble than they are worth. Take for example the life of Socrates, the very first philosopher. He had no job, made no money, and depended on others for a meal and a glass of wine. Even worse, he corrupted the youth of his city, teaching them to disobey their parents. He offered nothing to the economy, society, or politics of ancient Athens. Should Socrates have gotten a job? Maybe. After all, he was executed for thinking and questioning too much. And what about the allegory of the cave? It is about a man who lives his whole life in an underground cavern. Suddenly, he realizes that he can leave.

When he gets to the surface, he learns that everything he knows is narrow and small compared to the vastness and beauty of the world outside. Excited, amazed, and a little frightened, he returns to the cave to share his discovery with his friends and family. Yet, the story he tells is implausible, unbelievable, even laughable. His friends and family prefer the familiar shadows flickering on the cave wall to the ridiculous tale they have just been told. They think he is crazy. The point of the allegory is that philosophy, the search for the good, the true, and the beautiful, is useless; it is a good in itself and not for something or someone else.

Science, biology, mathematics, and statistics are useful. They provide a means to understand the world we live in, how it works, and how it can work better. Not everything in the world had to be useful in this way. Philosophy will never find a cure for disease, relieve famine, or predict the time of a storm. It is ridiculous to even try to justify it in those terms. If everything has to be useful, then why do we bother with art, poetry or, for that matter, having children? Imagine a world without these things. We have spent a long time revering the useful. Maybe we should start celebrating the useless.

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## Stevia, nature's hidden sweetener

-by Danielle Fortier

Wouldn't it be great if there was a natural sweetener that contained no calories and was actually beneficial to your health? Stevia, sweetleaf, khaa Jee and Caa-he-e are some of the common names for such a product. Stevia, originally from South America, has been used by the native Guarani Indians for over 1500 years. It has also been used in Japan, where aspartame is banned, for over 30 years in cola and various food products. Stevia is not only calorie free it actually nourishes the pancreas and does not raise blood glucose levels, which makes it beneficial for diabetics, and does not have the negative side effects reported with the use of artificial sweeteners. It has been reported that using stevia in your diet on a regular basis can help minimize hunger pains, craving for sweets or fatty foods, aid in digestion, decrease hypertension without effecting normal blood pressure, stabilize blood glu-

cose levels, shorten recovery time from cold and flu and aid in additions to tobacco and alcohol. When used in toothpaste or mouthwash, cavities and gum diseases are reduced due to its antibacterial properties. (Stevia Canada)

With all the benefits of Stevia why haven't we seen it on the shelves of our grocery store or as an alternative to sugar in coffee shops? According to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, "stevia is not approved in Canada as a sweetener". In its concentrated form, stevia is defined as an additive and is viewed by the government as a "poisonous or harmful substance" (omega nutrition).

In Canada and the U.S. stevia can only be sold as a dietary supplement banning its use in food and beverages regardless of the studies and test done starting its safety.

"Celestial Seasoning brewed a herbal tea with stevia for awhile. Lipton Tea had the same idea, but couldn't get the approval. Then in the 1980s, the FDA in the USA

began seizing shipments of stevia, removing any product containing stevia and threatening to burn stevia cookbooks, reportedly due to a complaint by an artificial sweetener manufacturer."

(Natural Life Magazine #83 -How sweet it is! Stevia, the Natural Sweetener). Would this ban be in place to serve on the interest of the sweetener industry? It certainly looks probable. In spite of the prohibition of this product, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada has launched research projects aimed at developing an agricultural production system for stevia. It is also still possible to purchase stevia for your personal use as an alternative to sugar. You can purchase stevia in powder or liquid form at almost any natural food store (in Camrose at Nutter's natural food store) at a low cost since stevia is 300 times more potent than sugar. If you would like more information on stevia, and its culinary uses and tasty recipes check out [www.steviacanada.com](http://www.steviacanada.com)

## The Duke of Edinburgh's

### Award - by Dennis Tucker

As many might know in the following week of October 6-8, I had the chance to visit the wonderful, windy city of Winnipeg to visit and shake hands with his Royal Highness Prince Phillip, The Duke of Edinburgh as well as her Royal highness Queen Elizabeth II, the queen Mother. The visit in itself was phenomenal, I am actually the second in 5 generations to shake hands, meet and greet royalty. Many have asked me to comment on the experience. Being rather quick and heavily populated by media...I felt like a celebrity. Here I was winning an award which is one of the big reasons I went to Winnipeg. The award I received was The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold entry level award.

A little history behind the award itself: The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, designed with great care by a small team in 1956, is a means to encourage and motivate all youth over the age of 14 years to voluntarily become involved in a variety of personal development activities, including Community service, expeditions, skills and physical recreation. Hence, each young person who undertakes this program has to select one activity under each of these four headings, thus gaining

exposure to such new experiences as social responsibility and adventure training. Some of the activities I became part of was volunteering at the Good Samaritan Society In Spruce Grove, which is close to my hometown, working BINGO's, doing yardwork and banquets. For the expeditions I did various outdoor trips which consisted of 3 weeks of canoeing covering 450kms travel with a 10 km portage. I've also backpacked all around Nordegg to Banff National park with a group of 30 youths, I've dosedledded!!! I'm truly a Canadian!!! All of the experiences were character building which was the main aim at the program...

Dressed up like modern day businessman patiently waiting for the arrival of the Royal couple I caught a glimpse of her royal highness and the ora of dignity and honour surrounded her. The Duke himself presented me with the award. Joined with many other individuals including Air Cadets and Girl Guides I, as well as my classmates, joined me to shake hands and stand with honor in the presence of his royal highness. Etiquette and seating was very formal. Asked if this was the first time to meet royalty...I have to say yes...but it won't be my last.

Mark Chytracek, Dean of Students, feels that while it is important for students to have a voice at the table, he's not so sure about students deciding who sits around the table. Chytracek has no real problems with the way the Board of Regents operates. To revamp the whole system may be a long term solution, but the important initiative is to get students a voice that the Board has to listen to.

So what do we do? Keep banging our heads against the leaky exterior of Old Main? More forums? More Vandalism? More articles? Let us first let those in power (by power I mean those who make the decisions that effect us) know that we actually do care about what happens to us and that we want to be included in the Regents Jamboree. Husfloen noted that meetings are public and that anyone can attend. He encouraged

anyone who wanted to call him, at office (679-1103) or home, or attend the Board of Regents meeting early this November to do so. As students it is vitally important to continue to be informed and to seek information about the conditions under which we live and learn. This is the first time in the four years I have been at Augustana that there has been a hint of widespread student unrest and a hint of dialogue between administration and students. Is it a good thing? Only if we build on it.

### WANT TO SPEND NEXT WINTER IN MEXICO?

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## Husfloen...continued from pg 1

The body that ultimately decides the fate of Augustana is The Board of Regents. The Board consists of 12 members who represent a broad background both socially and geographically. They are elected by the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada (ELCIC), every two years for six year terms. The terms are staggered so that new voices may be added to the Board. No administrative member, faculty, or students has a say on who is put on the Board unless they are a voting member of ELCIC. Board nominations occur at the church every second year. The Board meets four times a year, once being a retreat in which no business is to be discussed. All decisions are made in these meetings in what is Husfloen describes as balanced open debate and then a vote. Some decisions are made in camera in which

case it is illegal for anyone present to talk to outside parties about the pending debate. While there are two student representatives present at these meetings (Krista Peblak, president of ASA and Jen Beyer, Board of Regents rep for the SA), they have a voice but never a vote. Present also are representatives of Alumni, Faculty and Staff and the Administration. Husfloen himself states, "It's not a democracy." Our question is this: in an institution that prides itself with contact and student centered learning, is the Board actually accountable to the Students, and should students (and faculty for that matter) have more of a say on the Board? Well, there are a couple of things to which Richard pointed our attention. It is a great responsibility for Board members to hold such a

weight position. They are making themselves vulnerable both personally and financially. They have an intricate line to walk between being responsible to/for the education and the students of Augustana and being accountable to the institution of Augustana. They are responsible for the students and accountable to the institution. In terms of salaries and maintenance etc. the students should not be able to vote on the Board. There are, of course many committees such as the curriculum committee that report to the Board in order that they may make informed decisions. Husfloen says he is in favor of the addition of a student vote on the Board. Although he stresses that communication between students and administration

needs improvement, as evident in recent letter (widely seen by students a soother), there is still a lack of accountability to the students. The overall top down paternalistic governance structure still exists.

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# Editorials

This here is one of them disclaimer type things for all those lawyer type who want to sue us for puttin' improper stuff in the Dag. Screw off, we just print 'em we don't actually believe 'em, fools! This section of the Dag is the intellectual Thunder Dome so take off the gloves and pick up that lead pipe...no holds barred.

## Bash of the "Bash of the Bash"

This in reference to the editorial written in the last issue of the Dag about the drinking at first class bash. Had the author of this article simply been personally opposed to drinking, I would not have been so inclined to write this. However, the author disagreed with the drinking because it went against "religious parameters." If someone makes a personal choice to oppose drinking, I have no problem with it. But when it is implied that I, as a Christian, do not follow the supposed "religious parameters" of my beliefs because I drink, I am offended.

The editorial implies that it is hypocritical to be a Christian and to participate in a party where you might choose to drink. To me, being a Christian has very little relevance to the personal choice one has in determining whether or not drinking is morally acceptable. The only connection between the two are the very few biblical verses that refer to getting drunk. However, when taken in the biblical context that is not even the point that the bible is trying to convey; I understand them to warn us against some of the negative effects of

uncontrolled drinking such as violence and cruelty. As a Christian, I obviously do not agree with violence or cruelty, but I do not distinguish between cruelty that is alcohol induced and cruelty from a sober state. The distinction must be made between the occasional negative effects of alcohol and simply the consumption, and it should be seen that the consumption does not always have a negative effect on others.

I admit that alcohol may make people angry or violent. I'm not defending these people's right to drink, in fact I don't think that they should drink at all. The editorial took this irresponsible alcoholic stereotype and pinned it on all the people who were drunk at First Class Bash. There were a lot of drunken people at the bash; however, I did not see any examples of cruelty, which is the relevant Christian issue in the particular situation. And if there were, was alcohol really to blame? The majority of the people drunk were responsible enough to be able to control their actions. I was drunk at the bash. I was responsible. I controlled my actions. I enjoyed myself. Others enjoyed my

company. That is no sin. Too often, biblical verses are taken out of context and used to promote personal ideals, not Christian ideals. The values of the bible cannot be preached by the knowledge of single verses. The entire idea of the bible must be considered so that single lines can be put into a Christian context and understood for what they truly mean. Not all lines in the bible referring to getting drunk even warn against it; drunkenness is mentioned in other verses as a harmless thing. The contradictions of the verses show how important it is to know the Christian context so that sense can be made of them.

I find it sad that people choose to use religion to promote their personal beliefs. Too many people abuse religion by taking their own values and try to preach them as if they were God's. In respect to Christianity, that is much more appalling than some students enjoying themselves. I can't give God's values but I do know that the bible is about grace, love, and peace for everyone. It is not a rulebook for people to quote when they want to shake their finger at someone.

"drunk tank." This university is officially dry, in case the writer has forgotten. I know of some very good Christians that enjoy going to the Irish Pub to enjoy a beer or two. Not all Christians have to be the same, some are fundamentalist, some are Lutheran, some are Catholic, and the list goes on. I do acknowledge the Christian foundations of the University must have some influence on how the place is run. The writer, however, has not bothered to see what good comes from ministry. They do a great deal for many people; they have services in the Chapel almost everyday, and they are people you can approach and talk to about any troubles. I find the article insulting to ministry, claiming the school is involved in "dirty dealing" when the school is indeed a very well balanced school that deserves praise. The first class bash was indeed handled with class. Local police

officers were kept on hand just in case and all who attended were checked for proper identification. There was also no violent incidents of any sort. Sure people were rowdy, but there is no law to shouting and acting crazy at a dance. Also, this bash occurred off campus. The university is not a babysitter, as adults we are responsible for our actions when we drink. The buses provided for transportation also showed the caring attitude of Augustana towards its students. Just because some people got drunk, does not mean everyone will do the same. The first class bash was a great experience for those that attended. I knew almost no one when I first came to live across the ravine and by the end of the night, I had met more people than I could write down on my hand or in my notepad. I oppose the writer's opinion that Augustana should not hold any more dances that serve alcohol.

ing Bob some muffin this morning and when I told her not to feed the cat, she responded, "if I don't feed him he'll starve." Well to that freshman girl I must respond, yes maybe he will starve but maybe he will return home. Augustana is not his home, but cat's have this bad

## Ode to a Disgruntled Christian

*a. free will, critical thinking, etc.*

Dearest Disgruntled, Although I do agree with your view on overindulgent drinking, I found your argument rather offensive. First off, Augustana is no longer Canrose Lutheran Bible College. It is a university with a code of ethics based in the Christian tradition. And, as not everyone in attendance is a Christian, we are not being taught how to be good Christians—we are (hopefully) learning to be good people. This distinction is perhaps minuscule, but it is important. It fosters a sense of equality, not just tolerance of other's life choices. And, okay, I have to say it. A "bash" is a giant party. Sorry if you were misled. This being said, neither the school that we pay to attend nor our peers should decide how we choose to celebrate. (And I do mean "we" in the all-of-us-as-individuals sense). If you want to hold a candlelight vigil, fast for 30 hours, dance naked under the full moon, get to-

gether with friends, get together in worship... if you want to sit in a circle and sing bible songs or national anthems or Gregorian chants around a pyramid of loose-leaf paper and overpriced textbooks to welcome yourself to university—do it. Giver. Except maybe the naked thing—I don't think anyone wants to see that... but you know, if that's your bag, have at it. Just remember, someone WILL call the cops and you WILL be embarrassed. Point being: YOU decide what you want to celebrate. YOU decide how. YOU decide who you want sitting in your circle. And if you discover that some of your classmates are drunken buffoons, congrats, you've uncovered one of life's greatest mysteries—how someone intelligent enough to attend university can be stupid enough to poison themselves. Oh, and if anyone's got that little mystery figured out, please let us all know... I'd like to know just why I've grown so fond of the monkey on my back.

-Concerned Human

## Response to "Bash of the Bash"

As I read my monthly copy of the dag I stumbled upon the editorials. To my dismay I found a disgruntled Christian lashing out at a time where students of all ages gather together in merriment, celebrating the beginning to a new year in higher education. A time where students get to meet people they ordinarily wouldn't talk to. To further my shock he or she went on to describe the bash as "dirty dealings". Saying that students were "obviously not mature enough to handle their privilege". Well I say to this disgruntled Christian, suck it up. Unfortunately where ever you go people will not always see their privileges as heavy as a burden that you do. Unfortunately low maturity levels are bound to happen anywhere. But to put the growth of maturity levels amongst each individual upon the shoulder of the spirit of Christianity in this

school is absurd. Face it a "good party" does not involve meditation and a little bible study to most people, including Christians. This university and Christianity cannot be blamed or credited every individual's "poor judgment". Augustana prides itself in being a good Lutheran university as it should. This university itself is a tower of morality and is constantly involving students religiously whether they are Christian or Atheist. Therefore the issue with you, disgruntled is not with the school rather with your expectations of the students. Realize this to expect each individual to live to the same morals and "religious parameters" you set upon yourself is ridiculous. Come on, even Jesus did a little partying in his day. Lighten up the world isn't ending because a some college students had a couple beers.

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habit of going to wherever they are fed. Some poor girl is probably sitting in home crying because her poor cat ran away, but really it has been catnapped by every ignorant AUC student that cuddles him or feeds him. It is time that people realized that if you don't feed him or cuddle him he will go home. He may seem happy now but the colder months are coming quickly so it is time to let him go. It has been fun for some of you, but he does not belong here.

## A note from the editors:

*Birds have this bad habit of antagonizing cats, pooping on people as they fly over heads, and flying into windows. Is there something you're trying to (peck, peck) tell us Mr. Bird? I'm afraid there is already a waiting list for next month's make-over of the month (see pg. 16)...we'll see what we can do.*

## Editorial on "Bash of the Bash"

by Raymond Utinawatum

I have come to the opinion that the editorial in the last issue of the paper was seriously flawed. I argue that Augustana should hold bashes that serve alcohol with responsibility. The author claims to have attended the first class bash and concludes that school's advertising themselves as Christian should stay within religious parameters and follow morals. It is not stated what actions should be taken to this end. What can be done to make Augustana more Christian? Shall prayers be said before class? Shall ministry begin actively trying to convert the unfaithful? Shall anyone not living a religious life be expelled or punished? I find Augustana to be a friendly, open, and free place to express ideas, learn about many things, and find out who I am and also who I can become. I don't think of Augustana as a

## Bob the Cat

Bob the cat has been seen all around the Augustana campus over the last few weeks. He can be seen chasing people into buildings, walking across the bridge, having a snack out front of freshman. The part you don't

see is Bob following his snack with a drink from a puddle, or him huddling underneath the bridge shivering in the cold at night, and where will he be when it snows and is 40 below? I caught a freshman girl feed-

ing Bob some muffin this morning and when I told her not to feed the cat, she responded, "if I don't feed him he'll starve." Well to that freshman girl I must respond, yes maybe he will starve but maybe he will return home. Augustana is not his home, but cat's have this bad

## Response to Editorial on Casinos

I seldom read newspapers, unless I am extremely bored and have the urge to feel depressed. What good is in them, its mostly depressing and highly exaggerated news—I recently picked up an issue of the Dag; I thought as a new student here I could become more aware of the activities on campus by reading this paper. This is true, I became more aware of things happening on campus and aware of the thoughts that some people held in regards to "Indians," "Native Americans," and "Aboriginals." It was not a good experience for me to read the article regarding Casinos; they did not directly lash out at Natives but they did mention us in a very negative manner. The article seemed to say that the Casino Debate is not about Indians so why mention Indians from Hobbema coming by the busload? Was it just thrown in to fill space? As a member of the Samson Cree Nation and a member of the Augustana Student population, I was offended. As I am an "Indian from Hobbema," I don't arrive by bus. I commute everyday by vehicle as do other Natives from my reserve. Maybe we should all rent a bus and come to school everyday by the busload. Why would we come to your casino anyway, we may as well just rent a bigger bus and go to Edmonton or even Las Vegas. When you opened the Wal-Mart, did we come by the busload, then? No. I came from a large university where when discrimination was used, it was just dissolved as every-

one was just a number. People were more accepting because everyone was so different. Here you see the same people everyday so you get to know everyone and you think it would be more personal. Was there any thought put into the reaction your comment would generate? Do you think we have no pride and would not care? What did all you non-native readers think of natives after you read this comment? I thought will the emphasis on religion at this school and the fact that we pride ourselves with student exchanged from different countries, that you would be more accepting. Was I wrong? Maybe I expected too much, maybe this is just a small town with small mind that just happens to have a University in it. I assumed people would be smart enough not to discriminate or at least be more enlightened. Instead, it's just a small town with a reserve thirty minutes away that scares you. I may be the only one to complain because we, as Natives, are so tired of this discrimination that we are all drunks and gamblers. Some are probably hoping it will just blow over, but I was offended by the comment that was used without reason. In November, there may be a cultural gathering in Hobbema and I invite all the students to come by the busload. You will be welcomed and I volunteer myself to drive the bus there and back. Then you can see for yourself that we are not so different from you, only as different as you want us to be.

-by Koren Lightning

## Response to "Editorial on Casino..."

by Dag Editors

It was recently brought to the attention of the editors of the Daglightale that an editorial in our last issue (September/October) "A Casino...in Camrose", by Ramy Salama, was thought to "take shots at Canada's Aboriginal community." We, at the Dag, have a policy as a part of our general operating principals that prohibits publishing, among other things, racist articles. After initial review and continued examination we would like to clarify our reasons for the allowance of publication of the said article in the Dag. This article was the coming of a Casino to Camrose as an auspices for the examination of the Augustana Community. The object of this article is none other than to examine our awareness as a community within Camrose and possibly form a definition in order that we may better represent ourselves within greater Camrose. Highlighted in the arena of casino debate are

some factions of what the author views as the two other major forces in Camrose: the New and the Old Camrose. Indeed, the purpose of defining the Augustana Community is ultimately in order to better represent our view in the midst of the Old and the New. You have raised many points in regards to the identity of our community, particularly the relationship between a cultural setting that is predominantly rural white and the minority groups found in this unique university setting- all of which, in our opinion are valid. The point that has been interpreted as offensive to the Aboriginal Community comes when the author highlights two possible arguments put forward for and against the casino by the New and Old Camrose (respectively):

- please see pg. 11

# Financially Viable?

The term "financially viable" seems to be nothing sort of an Administrative election slogan. Most students, myself included, are, and will doubtlessly eternally be, quite clueless about how the old Augustana books are balanced (tilted?). Are there any solutions short of backing a program here or blasting tuition sky high? We interviewed Richard Husfloen to see what the "man where the buck stops" thinks.

Augustana is a private institution owned by the Camrose Lutheran College Corporation. The nature is this corporation is convoluted and not worth explaining; the bottom line is Augustana is owned by the Lutheran Church. As such we are a religiously affiliated University College. If this is news to you, you really should have read the AUC calendar before coming here. This does however, present a problem, one that president Husfloen is all too aware of. We only get 75% of each student's needs (excluding

such things as maintenance) paid for by government, the rest is comprised by capital venture, donations and tuition and the Church. The Lutheran Church in name is our primary backer, but in practice only contributes \$20,000 a year, that's not a lot. He also notes that the Church, in general, is losing financial support as its membership gradually decreases. Lately insurance rates were subjected to a 300% increase. There was also a 28% increase in healthcare, which is provided for staff. Then there are the unforeseen expenses such as the \$250,000 that went to fixing leaky roofs in Founder's Hall and the Convocation Centre. How do you balance the books when you have to consider the students' capacity to fund tuition and the needs of crumbling buildings?

Why not go public? Husfloen agrees that this is an issue to consider, however, it is not as easy as sim-

ply declaring ourselves a public university. The government has to be willing to take us on, as well as our debt. But it has been done: Wilfrid Laurier University in Southern Ontario was previously known as Waterloo Lutheran College and has gone on to thrive from its publicization. Would this threaten our identity as a small university college? Would our Liberal Arts be infiltrated by a nasty Technical Institute mentality? Husfloen believes in the values of Augustana as a small Lutheran University College and a change would have to be examined carefully. However, Mark Chytracsek feels that we would not have access to a lot of the private funding we have right now if we became a public institution. Also, the "sense of community" that the school has right now might be compromised. In classic Husfloerian form he adds, "Finances are better than ever, but not good enough for the long haul."

The Dag would like to thank CNS, mainly Eugene, for all their help and for the fact this paper actually exists!

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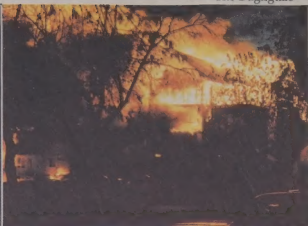


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i blame the fly i killed

After being accosted some time the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>, Pete the Penguin was reunited with his roommates. Weeks of worrying and painful searching the streets of Camrose finally proved worth the effort. "Who would do such a thing?", wailed the three amidst tears. "We're so happy, our beloved roommate is back. He'll be under 24-hour surveillance from now on- even when he's out drinking with Deer Boy." In a fit of pleasurable Penguin/People (Pete is a People) orgy, two of the roommates tore off their clothes while the third ate 7 and a half tons of fish to regurgitate to their little buddy. Indeed, the assailants were found. Their names are protected under the People Accostation Act of 1742. Rest assured their punishment is pending. Suspicion as to a connection to a certain "tassel theft" is currently under investigation.

A scene from the fire that took place on October 9, 2002. It occurred next to the senior centre, but thankfully everyone got out safely. Ironically, the fire occurred during fire prevention week just minutes before the firefighters were scheduled to give a presentation on the properties of fire extinguishers.

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## AIR RADIO

Well here we are well into the school year and the radio station is rolling along just as quickly. The DJ's are doing a fantastic job of finding sponsors to supply us with prizes for the shows. We are going to continue doing this to ensure that the students at Augustana can get something out of the radio besides fine listening. Watch around campus and look for posters as to when the shows are and to what is going on at the radio stations. The stations is here for the listeners which right now are the on campus students and we want to give you what you want so any concerns just call the station and air your comments. We are still working on a way to get to the off campus students, so just stay posted to see when that will happen. We will continue to give away prizes and make sure to keep on listening because well, we have creative minds and it is a lot easier than thinking for yourself.

-Gus

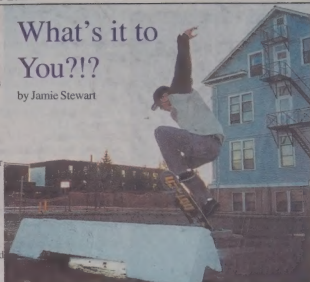
The Dog would like to thank Jun Mah for the use of the women's hockey team photo that appeared on the front page of the last issue.

Why do people stare at me when I skateboard? It's an interesting question, and you're probably wondering why? You could be reading this and thinking about your actions towards skaters, or maybe not. Either way, I'm not talking about the individuals who watch me and cheer me on; I'm talking about those who stare at skaters. Those who think, "Why would you want to do such a stupid hobby." Those who watch as I fall, stand up in pain, then continue to stare not thinking to

ask if I'm okay or not. Now I'm not condemning everyone, I'm just talking from experience. It's the general stereotype that all skaters are troublemakers, listen to metal or punk music, dress cheaply, and do some type of illegal drug. In my life, skateboarding is the one thing that keeps me out of trouble, at least most of the time. Now I can't speak for those who are in the worst of the world, but I can speak for those who are not. I'm not one of those individuals and there are many more just like me. I can't count the number of times that I've got some type of "dirty look" or the old "shudder shove" from the cool prep in high school. The good old "do some Tony Hawk stuff" comment from the big tough guy that's trying to make his buddies laugh. A lot of people see skaters as the lower end of the famous High School cliques, but the truth is completely different. I'm not quite sure why society treats us different; there's no difference in being the famous local star hockey player, to being the local star skater that can ollie the scary ten stair down the street. You may play hockey, soccer, volleyball, draw or paint, write, and engage in many other hobbies or passions; I skateboard, that's what I do and I love it. People may

## What's it to You??

by Jamie Stewart



perceive skateboarding as childish and just a reason to vandalize public property. The thing that people have to realize is: to skaters, we aren't just riding around on these boards to pass old ladies off. Skateboarding is a way of life; it's a culture, it's the real skaters out there.

A perfect example of skaters being disrespected happened to a friend and I a couple of weeks ago. I was skateboarding with two other guys, so a local spot in Camrose when a car approached us. Adam had left his car in the middle of the back area in the parking lot where we were skating. We actually had sat down to talk about some stuff when the car started cruising by. At first the vehicle was driving past the skateboard, but as Adam and I watched, the car steered towards the skateboard. It then slowed down in front of the skater; Adam calmly got up and picked it up, moving it out of the cars path. As he walked back the car drove up and stopped beside us. The driver told us to get the @\$\$%& out of the way next time, and continued to pull away. Adam and I were pissed off and yelled

back asking what the hell the problem was? They slammed on their breaks and reversed back beside us. The men and women (who looked about 40-45) continued to mouth us off. They actually threatened to get out of the car and "Kick our Asses." Now I'm not saying that Adam and I were scared in the least (one older gentleman vs. two good looking skaters with skateboards - I don't think so!).

The reason I point this out is: what was the point of that? Seriously, what was the point of acting like that? There was no point; we didn't disrespect them, and then they try to belittle us. It's funny how we're the ones who are perceived as the disrespectful ones. What's it to you that I skateboard? It's not what makes you happy and I'll do what makes me happy. Skateboarding is a skill, and a very hard one at that. It should be respected, as well as the skaters who ride the boards.

I'm not here to preach or whine about my lifestyle; I could care less about people thought of me being a skater. Next time you see someone skateboarding, try to look at it differently, you may just respect it a little more. Being a skater may have its disadvantages in society and with the law, but no one will ever know how it feels to be a skater; just the amazing feeling of cruising down smooth pavement at top speed during sunset. Looking around at the world, and knowing that you are a skateboarder. You have an important and unique talent that no one else has. I can't

**"Respect those around you who decide to be who they are, even if that person is riding a piece of wood with wheels."**

tell you what that feels like; I wish I could. Just be who you want to be, not whom society says you should be. Respect those around you who decide to be who they are, even if that person is riding a piece of wood with wheels. To them it means a lot and always will. As Xhibit says, "We stay on the ride, until we die, and back for more- Cause we can't get enough!" Thanks for reading my thoughts. Peace.

## Campus Ministry


- by Robb

Hello! and welcome to the latest installment of this behind-the-scenes look at the goings-on of your very own Campus Min team! To those who tuned in last time, welcome back! And to all of you who are first-time readers and are looking for a copy of our previous adventures, don't despair! You need look no further than Easy to get the September issue of the Daglight! It'll cost half as much as a new Bio text but will be three times as fun to read!

This month, we w/What's that? How, you ask, did I secure the incomparable honour of chronicling our escapades in this humble yet informative column? In order to determine the identity of this month's correspondent, the student chaplains vigorously competed in a series of challenges measuring strength, speed, memory, flexibility and memory of bad sitcom theme songs. Having finished dead last in each event, the honour of penning this month's column has befallen me. But don't worry, I'll train rigorously for the next showdown!

I must confess something to you, dear reader, in the strictest of confidences. Proving that the doctrine of infallibility applies to the pope and not to the Catholic faithful (even if they are student chaplains), I was guilty of feeding you false information last month. Yes, I know, I can hardly believe it myself.

Here are but a few of the corrections to be made: my sources tell me Stupendous Sue Bruner is Signin' With Susie actually meets every Thursday at 7:30 in the Faith and Life Lounge; The Spirituality and Justice group led by Dauntless Diana Cournantarakis and Jubilant Jessica Bulger meets on Mondays from 6 to 8pm. And, I should add that we w/Cait, this just in! Let me pass the microphone over to Daredevil Derek Kilbourn: A Book of Faith & Other Stuff: meetings are in Derek's room in Ronning, upstairs, room 5. 608-2964 for details. Short discussions on different books, movies and other media and how they have affected our spirituality... continued on pg. 11



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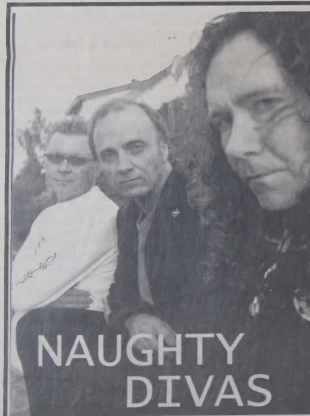
Really, this isn't the point of Buy Nothing Day and, as a rule, this list should be followed every day.

**Things you can steal that probably won't hurt anyone:**

- The doughnuts in the Tim Horton's dumpster, they're still pretty fresh at around midnight and I think they throw em out anyway.
- Gas in Camrose. It's only costs 25 cents a liter anyway.
- Halloween candy.
- Anything from Wal-Mart, especially eight foot tall inflatable snowmen.
- The street lamp post in the Faith and Life center (do people know what I mean?).
- A swan (disregard).
- North Hall- at least it's foundation.
- Halloween candy.
- Cutlery from the cafeteria. Hey, I've stolen tons of cutlery and they still got plenty.
- The bells from Faith and Life bell tower.
- The curling team.
- Old Cinema.
- The student's vote on the Board of Regents.
- Not Pete the Penguin nor the tassels off my bike.
- The President's Parking space.
- Those pesky floor heaters in the computer lab that heat the entire classroom building.
- Halloween candy.

Traditionally the Monday after the American Thanksgiving is the beginning of the Christmas shopping season, and consequently is the largest grossing shopping day of the year. Buy Nothing Day (BND) has slowly taken root on this monumental day and is changing the consciousness of our omnipresent consumer culture in over 49 countries. The idea is this: buy nothing on Monday November 29<sup>th</sup>. Think about the influ-

ences in your life, especially those designed to make you do things. Amazingly, you actually have the choice not to partake in consumerism, even if it is just for a day. On a completely different one day note: Rome wasn't built in a day but world hunger could end in a day if the US donated one day of its weapons production budget to world hunger.



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# Going Tofu Turkey?

My name is Jenny and I am a struggling vegetarian.

If the idea of someone choosing not to eat meat makes you want to laugh, cry, or puke - please try to contain yourself, or go back to your bacon double cheeseburger. I stopped habitually eating meat almost one year ago, and I did it for personal health reasons - nothing amazing - general sluggishness and a consistently bitchy stomach. I looked into alternative diets, and found a lot to choose from. Eliminating sugar and excess carbs seemed like a good idea - it's said to increase energy levels, regulate mood, and cure what ails you. But (and I admit this freely) I am a bit of a sugar junkie, so that was out. And I stumbled upon veganism. A vegan diet, for those who don't already know, eliminates not only meat, but animal by-products as well - that's milk, cheese, eggs, gelatin (oh yes, friends, the stuff that makes your Jell-O jiggle comes from an animal), and so on. A vegan diet did sound absurdly healthy (in a good way). I do like animals, and I felt I needed a good kick in the ass to get started with this feel good plan of mine, so I tried it out. It lasted two weeks. Now, think about this, all you omnivores out there. How many times a day do you eat meat? No, really. Every meal? Maybe for some snacks too? Okay, so you can dig what an adjustment it would be to stop eating meat, yeah?

Now ask yourselves how often you eat, drink, or cook with the following: milk (chocolate too), cheese, cookies or dessert, ice cream, butter, bread. Think you could last two weeks? I did, however, feel better than ever health-wise. So instead of trucking over to McDonalds to break my streak, I re-evaluated why I was doing this diet thing in the first place. I mean, I wear leather shoes and sleep with a down pillow and comforter - what kind of half-assed war was I waging against the slaughter and abuse of animals? Fact is, I wasn't, and I'm not. In the words of one of my best friends, "I'd kill and eat a baby anything with my bare hands if that was necessary...but is that really necessary?" The answer is a resounding no. Here's where I could quote you animal abuse statistics, try to shift your perspective to see how strange it is to grow and kill animals for our (over-)consumption, but I'll spare you that. If you want info to fuel your own fire on that bit of business, check out Diet For a New America or Fast Food Nation - both fantastic reads. So, I re-drew the line and came up with how and what I eat to this day. As a rule, I eat what I want to...I've just changed what I want to eat. I don't eat animals or fast food. I allow seafood basically because it doesn't come with it's own grease. I shop fresh and organic when I do the shopping. Cooking has actually become kinda

fun. And yes, I do allow myself lapses. These are more often related to family pressure than to actual craving. My grandmother is Ukrainian and food is a form of love to her. I'm pretty sure she doesn't believe tofu exists. I talk to her regularly about my new choices but she always looks wounded when I turn down anything she's made. Take, for example, this past Thanksgiving (which I'm told is what this article is supposed to be about). I avoided the turkey platter in all it's steaming deadness, and felt the worry emanating from my grandma. Passed up on the turkey gravy and opted for a traditional mushrooms and cream dish, which got me an odd mixed vibe from her watchful countenance. Without pause, I scooped up a helping of stuffing (my mom had made some on the stovetop so that I would feel alright eating it) and my grandmother positively beamed at me. Have you ever caught a 70-some year old woman just *beaming* at you? It's heart warming. I assure you. So much so, in fact, that even when I discovered that my grandmother had mixed my "special" stuffing and thrown in some turkey chunks to boot, well, I ate it anyway. It's a struggle. I have to remind myself often that my goal is not to "never eat meat". My goal is to make conscious life decisions that make me feel good. When I think of it that way, it doesn't seem so hard.

## Campus Min, continued from pg. 9

Thank you Derek! That's right, this is the only book club north of Calgary for which literacy is not a prerequisite! If anyone has ever even read to you a good book/story/ comic/poem that influenced your faith, you are welcome to share it! Come and bring friends! Did you miss JAM on Oct 18 and wish you hadn't? Free no more, another JAM will be taking place on Nov. 22! Daring Dana Kierny tells me that everyone is invited to join in the fun as participants or leaders! Better yet, sign up as a participating leader or a leading participant! Leading participant leaders and participating leader participants need not apply because they're overqualified. And Keen Kyla Sawden will once again lead the parade to **Rosetta on November 3 for worship** with some of Camrose's finest (the seniors, not the Camrose City Police, although they're also top-notch). There may even be retired police officers at the lodge, which would make them doubly fine. But if you multiply a negative by negative and the two negatives cancel each other out, would that mean that the retired guardians of peace and order (or *fin*)? **Meet in the Faith and Life Lounge at 5:00pm**, enjoy the company of Rosetta's residents, then head on over to **Stoney Creek at 6:15** for more of the same! That's all we have time for this month! Don't worry, by the time you've cut out this article and pasted it in your scrapbook of Augustana memories, another will be awaiting you! God bless you all.

## Samhain

- by Joanne Brownlee

Samhain means "summer's end" in Irish. The ancient Druids had customs for this time of year, celebrating the New Year and honoring the ancestors and celebrating life through the eternal cycle of reincarnation. Modern day Druids and Wiccans continue many of these traditions. The veils are thinnest between the worlds at this time and spirits pass from this world into the otherworld. The stereotyped image of the old hag stirring the cauldron comes from the Goddess Ceridwen, whom in Celtic mythology all of the dead souls would return to her cauldron to be reborn again. The Crones is a menacing image to some, but others see her as a woman of power and wisdom and skill that comes with age. Pumpkins are used as lanterns to guide the spirits of beloved ones to aid them in their journey to the other side. In Ireland, turnips were used and were carried around if one ventured outside. A plate of food is left out to nourish the spirits. Apples are commonly used and are regarded as food for the dead. Scary faces are said to drive mischievous spirits away, hence the scary faces carved into the jack o' lanterns and also scary masks that one would wear as part of a costume. The festival meal served at Samhain is in honor of our ancestors and the hard times that they would have to endure through the winter. With our modern day grocery store it is hard to imagine what it would have been like back in ages gone by.

Happy Samhain! Blessed Be

## Editorial Response on Casinos

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"...the fundamental issue at hand in this Casino debate is NOT (author used italics) 'do we or don't we want an economically flourishing Camrose', or even 'what about them Indians who'll come in by the busload from Hobbema?', but rather the definition of a community: 'is Camrose Old Camrose, or is it New Camrose?'" Of course, the comment at issue is " 'what about them Indians who'll come in by the busload from Hobbema?' " This comment is clearly not a view held by the author, as it is in quotation marks and being used by the author to point out two things: it is a possible argument used by some in the casino debate and it is an absurd argument in itself. There is a distinct difference, as is notable in this case, between pointing to racism, recognizing it as a substantial (and invalidating) aspect of some groups perspective and actually being discriminatory. Now, if Ramy had used this argument as his own and not noted (as is evident in the unmistakable context- he compares the Old and the New throughout this article and this section is not distinct from the rest of the article) that this argument is possibly tied to others in the Casino debate then we would consider it to be discriminatory. Furthermore, the use of improper grammar ("them" instead of "those")

also denotes a sort of sarcasm that can only point to the fact that this argument is both unfounded and discriminatory. Of course there is nothing more than blatant ignorant stereotype at work here, which, if anything, adds to the urgency of establishing a definition of Augustana in order that we may have a voice against the perpetrators of such views, which yet another subtlety of Ramy's argument. Indeed, the entire point of the article is that we are NOT the New nor the Old Camrose but a different faculty altogether. We need to be the checks and balances of such views that only look out for big business and the small town status quo. Having said that, we believe that it is a responsibility to promote the cultural diversity found here at Augustana. Being "a small town with small mind that just happens to have a University in it" places that responsibility on us. I am glad that this discussion has been opened. We, as well as the original author of the article (based on views in this article and through follow up conversation), think this issue is an important one to raise and would value any further correspondence in regards to it and would support any campaign that serves to heighten awareness of the Aboriginal Community as well as other minority groups in Augustana and Camrose.

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Legalize

Unsure as to how this article should begin, I smoke a joint. Off-campus, of course. HONESTLY (It is an easy rule to obey) I hide in off in the shadows, mostly roaming in the park, to do something which, to me is more natural than putting on a pair of underwear (panties, what-ever!) in the morning. All in a feeble attempt to discuss the Decriminalization of Canadian Chronic

-by Jenna Thompson

Medicinal purposes aside - we are all debated out on this side. I'm sure. Statistics on violence due to any presumed "black market dealings" left unconsidered. From a political (and economical) position only, keeping the overall good of the country forefront in one's mind: Pot is Profitable.

We grow it. According to *High Times* magazine for about three years running, BC had been voted the number one for crop. Build a little union of bud farmers, working alongside tree planters, to have a crazy harvest. The employment of said farmers would solve the unemployment problem in BC. There would be fewer worries about a long since overstretched welfare system. Would it be possible to just coax Switzerland into a deal? Canada has got some killer buds and Switzerland should buy them. We could hook up a deal! Export the stuff, since we are great at growing it there is a lot of it, for a massive profit - handle that national debt in a flash.

Not to mention clothes, rope paper (getting into saving trees - helping the ecosystem) all made from the hemp plant. It's not just the smokable aspect of the plant that is beneficial, it's the whole thing.

Scratch all that, I'm supposed to argue that it should just be a ticket for possession. So... people should not go to jail for smoking/having dope. I cannot believe they were ever jailed for possession in the first place.

Asked to address four additional points, I will be as direct as possible. Forgive any apparent nonchalance. I try to treat drug issues with less secrecy than how the weather is today. The availability of pot in

## Decriminalize Canadian Chronic

Cannore may shock people. Not to sound like a Narc or anything, but it's not hard to find bud around here. Quantity is as diverse as any "doper" could ask for; from \$5 to ounces and even, with an upstanding reputation, pounds, if so desired. Prices may be a little unstable for "newbies" because of the risk involved and the 40 some charges laid last year, but quality is relatively consistent.

As for the legal side of this issue, as it stands now, I am personally unsure of what the actual laws are but I can write from experience. A simple possession charge would result in a fine that could vary from \$100 to \$1000 depending on the judge, but no criminal record would be applied. Any perceived intent to sell can exponentially influence the fine, possibly escalating to jail time, and most definitely resulting in a criminal record. Personally, as an unemployed student with a clean criminal record charged with simple possession of 1.7 grams of marijuana I got a \$350 fine, or, in default, 7 days in jail. With a \$20 bag of dope resulting in a \$350 fine, one may presume that the court has a just reason in exercising such an extreme deterrent. This could not be further from the truth. As a long-term toker, I have encountered benefits, pre-warned dangers and mythical side effects throughout my personal journey through the haze. Being stoned affords ones consciousness to experience qualities it may otherwise lack.

Of course, there are negative factors as well. The most immediate of such effects are the horrible experiences that any pothead is familiar with: paresthesia and red-eye. Then come the glances from non-smokers, coupled pot induced paranoia, making for a slightly less sociable stoned sub-culture. Not to mention the possible sleeping disorders, sexual disinterest and "perma-burn" (that dopeness that occasionally captures the long-term chronic smoker) that come along with extended use; not forgetting depleted short term memory abilities for a mo-

ment. All good things do have their consequences. There are also MANY widespread myths that go along with marijuana use that really should be stopped. For example, the stereotype of a typical drug user: disorderly, dishonest, and destructive.

**"Being stoned affords ones consciousness to experience qualities it may otherwise lack."**

The majority of dope smokers, in my experience, are peaceful, upstanding, and too busy to worry about what to eat next to really wreck anything. The assumptions that a drug is a drug, use and abuse are interchangeable, and that all drugs are bad should also be addressed. There is an immense difference between smoking a joint and shooting heroin - those who doubt this can come see me and I will try to explain in detail. Not all drugs are bad; in fact, none are. Drugs are mere objects; it is what we do with them that make them seem to have positive or negative aspects. Finally, probably most importantly, drug use is radically different from abuse. Moderation is key in all aspects of life, including drug intake. Abuse and addictive tendencies have more to do with a psychological problem in the user than any actual aspect of the drug being consumed.

I would like to discuss tobacco use. Consider the label claiming that to quit smoking is more difficult than quitting cocaine or heroin; is it all logical that such a product should be sold and taxed? Cigarettes are more addictive than the most severe drugs on the market yet it is okay to smoke them (in designated areas of course). Yet, smoking marijuana, with absolutely no physically addictive aspects and fewer harmful health factors than alcohol, is criminal (deviant) behavior???

Gimme a break! And pull on that bong!

## RES LIFE! The RLPA Conference

- by Nathan Skretting

Six members of the Augustana Residence Life Team recently attended a provincial development conference, hosted by the Residence Life Professional Association. RA's able to attend the conference included Angela Chappell, Kathy Maull, Amanda Nix, Nathan Skretting, Danielle Sutton and Regan Ulven.

The goal of the conference is to educate Residence Life staff, with specific emphasis on team building and peer support. Students attended professionally hosted sessions aimed at improving programming and communication skills.

Augustana (Residence Life) was represented well, as our group had much to contribute. The students showed an energetic attitude that captured compliments from many of the Residence Life professionals attending the conference.

It was interesting to see Residence Life staff from areas all over Alberta. We had a wonderful opportunity to compare roles, training and staff relationships with other teams. In sharing information about Augustana, many were impressed with our staff's attitude and comprehensive training. One exercise of particular note was a case study competition, an evaluation of an RA's ability to deal with a specific situation. Our team was presented with a case that involved some fairly serious verbal and physical abuse manifested in an intimate relationship. Augustana's representative team (Amanda Nix, Kathy Maull, Danielle Sutton) used the case study as an op-

portunity to demonstrate the effectiveness of programming in dealing with issues in residence. Given roughly an hour to prepare a presentation, the team "blew them away" with a collection of events and forums that effectively dealt with issues of abuse and relationships. The judges complimented the team on their ability to deal with the entire issue of abuse, as opposed to dealing specifically with this single instance. As a result of their contribution, our team won, taking home the RLPA Case Competition plaque.

Augustana's Cafeteria also came up in a major discussion about food services. At present, most of the Universities in Alberta do not have "all you can eat" meal plans. At the University of Alberta, meal cards have an initial value, and money is deducted for every item taken at a meal. The Residence Hall Council president at the U of A said that the meal plan cost about the same, but the food stores had to supplement the cafeteria made it much more expensive. In further discussion, many agreed that the service level that the AUC Cafeteria provides is unparalleled in Alberta. What's my point? Be glad for our caf. Maybe even say thanks when grabbing your all-you-can-eat supper.

The RLPA conference was certainly a learning experience for all that attended. Staff built relationships with other professionals in Alberta, while at the same time gaining an appreciation for our staff and the Residence Life program at Augustana.

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# International

In this section we feature some intriguing articles from a sampling of the many cultures represented here at Augustana as well as a correspondence and articles relating to the Rural Development eXchange (RDX) to Mexico

## EGYPT

### The Land of Pharaohs

by Amr Abdalla

Egypt is the cradle of civilization, the beacon of religion, and the gateway to Africa. Cairo is the foremost capital on the African continent and lies at the center of all routes leading to and from the capitals of the three continents Asia, Africa, and Europe. Egypt is located in northeastern Africa and covers an area of approximately 1,001,450 square km. It reaches to the Mediterranean Coast on the north and the Suez Canal, Gulf of Suez, and Red Sea in the east direction. The state of Israel is attached to the east of Sinai, Libya shares its western border, with Sudan to its southern border. To a famous Greek historian and traveler like Herodotus, journeying

through the east in the fifth century B.C., Egypt was the grand civilization for excellence. The civilization of Egypt has since kept its mystery and unrivaled grandeur high above any other civilization. Herodotus mentioned Egypt as "The Gift of The Nile" in his writings; the spirit of the Nile is still alive. A visit to Egypt would not be complete without a memorable cruise along the Nile. As you gently move along it, you will see the local way of life and have the opportunity to visit the valley of Kings and Queens. There are many sides of tourism in this land of sharp contrasts. Egypt has a unique position in the history of civilizations. The remains of this 7000 year old civilization has extended to create the modern attractions of Cairo:

- 1) Opera House: This new 7 storey open house at the Gezira Exhibition Grounds was designed by a team of Japanese and Egyptian architects. It is an architectural masterpiece of Islamic design. Equipped with the most sophisticated audio-visual equipment, it includes three main theatre halls with a total capacity of 2700 seats.
- 2) The Egyptian museum (Tahrir square): It is regarded as one of the most prominent museums in the world for it offers visitors a chance to acquaint themselves with Egyptian ancient history. Its most significant showpiece is the magnificent Tutankhamun collection.
- 3) Pharonic Village: Historical monument reflecting the style of life of ancient Egyptians. Visitors witness the

daily activities of the ancient Egyptian who has known the oldest civilization. The village also contains a Papyrus garden.

- 4) The Coptic Museum (Old Cairo): The museum houses a collection of ancient Christian relics including remains of architectural works, textiles, icons, and old manuscripts reflecting the history of coptic civilization.

What makes Egypt the most attractive and unique place in all of the Middle East is mainly its people of the great sense of hospitality that any traveler would encounter. It is also the land of modern culture with 92% of the movies viewed in Arabic made in Egypt. That's why Arabs get to call Egypt the Hollywood of the East. Simply, it's the hottest place in the Arab region.

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## The Kiss of Civilization On Tradition

by Janet Mwamburi

Imagine this: You are born in the United States, brought up in the Soviet Union, speak 8 different world languages, attended Harvard University and attained your first degree, attended Oxford University in the United Kingdom and attained your "graduate studies" degree, attended the University of Tokyo and attained your Master's degree, got a well-paying job in the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (assuming you could speak Japanese) all by the age of 30. Suddenly, the crown prince falls in love with you and in the best interests of your family you get married. The speech you give on your wedding day is far better than your husband's - and Sea

I mean out standing. And consequently you are forbidden to make any other formal public addresses. To crown it all off you are now a housewife and your multi-national degrees do not matter in the least. It may sound like fiction but it is the true story of Princess Masako, the current princess of the Japanese Imperial Family (-a modern woman kissed by an ancient culture). Like Britain, the Royal family tradition is firmly established while the Prime Minister governs the affairs of the land. Furthermore, Japanese people rule the world of Japanese news with the lifestyle and goings on of the Imperial family. I am bound to believe the late Princess Diana

and Princess Masako chatted over the net secretly in the late at night in the computer labs of their palaces). They would probably kid about the same things even though they were in absolutely different places! The patriarchal stance of the Japanese culture is still dominant to this very day and even though it is a well developed country, ancient tradition interweaves with western civilization making women's opinions sometimes subservient to men. If you walked around Tokyo you would find every computerized development under the sun, yet you will still meet monks in their orange attire, with shaven heads and women dressed in their *ukata* and *kimono* outfits.

Homes, offices and malls depict modern and complex architecture whereas shrines, of which there are many, show nothing but traditional construction dating back thousands of years. For entertainment Judo, Kendo, Kyudo and Sumo wrestlers await audiences. To sum it all up: a computerized virtual museum is actually set up to showcase the ancient culture of Japan!

Japan is a place where parents don't have to tell their children, "...in the good 'ol days, we had this..." because it is still present even in the future generation. For Japan a visit and you will venture to a country that plummets forward in a technological age while looking back at its own rich history.

They were forbidden to speak to anyone that particular day. I couldn't help but feel that I was being punished as well. I didn't choose to go on the RDX to learn how to change the world!

By spending so much time in the staff room I developed a friendship with a lady named Mrs. Nam. At sixty some years she had been counselling students longer than I had been alive. If she wasn't busy, she would come and sit with me as I marked papers and did other prep work, and we would talk about many things. She taught me about Cree culture and inspired me with her genuine love for the students. At lunchtime while the rest of the staff hid in the staff room she would sit in her office with the door wide open so that the students would know that they were welcome to come in and chat. They were at difficult ages, she admitted, and so were often challenged to deal with for all of the staff. They were struggling to find their place in the world and develop as individuals. She believed that the ability to share a part of that process with them was a privilege rather than a burden. I believe that process of self-discovery continues throughout life. During the program, I faced numerous opportunities for frustration, but by approaching each with the idea that something could be learned from it, I came to feel honored to have been given the opportunity to do so.

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The knot in my stomach doubled in size as my eyes adjusted to confirm that one of my deepest fears was about to be realized. Before me sat a machine that throbbed with a life force of its own, lights flashing and engine whirring in deep, evil laughter. "Here" I was told, "is where you will be spending most of your time."

I was forced to quickly consider

my options. If I followed my instincts, the fight or flight response would kick in, driving me to run out through the office, jump across desks of secretaries, weave between administrators as they stood talking with coffee cups in hand, dodge the janitor and his industrial sized broom, then finally burst forth through the front doors into well deserved freedom. This plan was soon aborted due

to the disappointing realization that it could not be undertaken successfully in heels. I chose to respond instead with a weak smile. Sensing my lack of enthusiasm, the teacher stated "It's brand new!" with an air of such pride that I couldn't bear to break his reverie with the confession that I suffered from a slight case of techno phobia. After five second lesson on how to use the machine, the teacher

ran back to his class. "I really haven't gotten a chance to learn how to use it yet myself, but all else fails consult the manual", were his parting remarks. I was left alone in my solitude, with a stack of papers to photocopy and another piece that needed marking. The only other inhabitants of the room were unwelcome kids happened to be occupying the in school suspension booths

# Kree-a-tiv Ryt-ing

## Aftermath: a serial novella by Shayne Morgen

I really don't know who set the alarm. I wish I did. Because I would have killed them. Considering what I could remember from the night before at that moment, it could have been anyone, but this was not what was running through my head at the rather ungodly hour of eight-thirty Saturday morning, stumbling across my room, and fumbling with my stereo for a full five minutes before I realized it was not my alarm clock.

The alarm clock unplugged, I flopped back down on my bed, all dizzied up with a headache that was just a wee bit short of epic. I'd like to say my mouth felt like sandpaper, I really would. I wish it felt that moist. Not really able to trust my legs, I got up and shuffled over to the sink and turned over the tap on. I let the water run as I tried in the semi-dread to find my glass. I finally settled on a coffee cup that had a nice brown ring inside, and filled that, repeating this twice. Then I turned to face my bed.

My room was one of the senior dormitories at the small-town university. I shared a bathroom with another guy I barely knew from my freshman year, and we both had sinks in our rooms. Both our roommates had moved to (slightly cheaper) apartments off-campus, and we generally left the doors between our roomed open, unless obvious circumstances intervened. I realized something was really wrong as I faced my bed. It was not that there was someone IN my bed that should not have been there, but rather, curled up in a fetal position, at the foot of my bed, using my binders and sleeping bags and a pillow, lay the figure of a girl that I, for life of me, could not remember ever having seen before.

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She was blonde and slender, and quite attractive, with one of those angelic faces that just screamed youth and innocence, and she was quite passed out. I mean, anyone who could sleep through my swearing at my alarm clock must either be dead drunk, or just dead.

I must still have been a little tipsy myself, for when the notion that she might have shuffled off this mortal coil actually crossed my mind, I lent credence to this thought and leaned forward to see if she was still breathing. The fact that she was snoring had not quite hit my brain.

I looked down at myself, still dressed in pants and socks. The Hawaiian shirt I had worn to the bar the night before was crumpled where I had left it. I remembered that. What else did I remember?

Everything. As I thought about it, I remembered talking to my can-mate and his girlfriend on our way home. I remembered even chatting with them just outside his door. I remembered shutting my door and locking it, shutting my bathroom door, bolting that, and remembered just passing out on my bed. And there was no one else around.

I remembered meeting several girls at the bar, and the flirting that was running rampant. But none of them bore any resemblance to the sleeping figure on the floor (who, I could now smell, had an affinity for tequila).

I stepped into my bathroom, remembering to shut the door, still puzzled. Finally relieved of the bloating sensation, I stepped over to my closet and grabbed my jacket and stepped out of my room. I stepped out of the dorm building, searching for my cigarettes. The cold that I was oblivious to the night before hit me, and I began to feel the

hang-over really start to set in. I finally pulled my cigarettes from my jacket pocket. That was about the only thing I could not remember: how many of those bloody things I had smoked.

I took the last one, crumpled the pack, and searched for my lighter.

I wonder if the Doc had sent her there. I thought. That had to be it. But I remembered bolting my bathroom door...

"Hey, was that YOUR freakin' alarm?" I turned to see behind me the ragged, rugged figure of the Doc, cigarette between his own lips, hands searching for his own lighter. I handed him mine.

He was of quite unremarkable appearance, really. Average height, weight, walked at an average pace, got average grades, had an average prescription for his glasses. He was also an A-one cynic and smart-alec.

We got along famously.

"Yeah," I said, as he lit his smoke. "Did you do that?"

"You saw me last night, stupid. Do you really think I'd leave Jill just to screw with your alarm clock?" "Anyone else's, no. Mine, yes."

"Well, I didn't," he said, handing me back my lighter and exhaling.

"Say, by any chance, you wouldn't happen to know a girl. I'd say about five-and-a-half feet tall, blonde, kind of cute, young looking? I'd say anywhere from sixteen to eighteen at the outside? Enjoys tequila?"

He gave me an odd look. I'll admit, that wasn't the most precise description I could give. "Only half the freakin' girls on campus. Why?"

"Because there's someone matching that description sleeping on my floor."

His brow furrowed into a what-the-hell? gaze. "What?"

—To be continued.

How many times do I have to go through this

So many chances to start something special

But the words don't come out and the pain mounts

It's just the little things that have me hooked on you

It's the way you talk, ... play with your hair, ... the passion in your eyes.

It's something about you, something I've never seen before that has me hooked. I want to know more.

But the words I can't speak and you walk away.

I can't stop thinking about you perhaps you're the one when I let go

I'll never know now unless fate brings us together once again.

maybe in another lifetime but I'll still be thinking about you

cause you're the one, I let, get away.

—Anonymous

### "No Excuse"

by Tara-Lynn Underhill

The label says 6% the commercial says fun. Price is irrelevant; the night is still young.

Bad things have happened to so many before, But you're not thinking about that as you guzzle some more.

You can't remember exactly how many you've had. Nerve transmission is slowing, you're reflexes are bad. You still feel quite happy as you stumble around And sooner or later you will fall on the ground.

But I heard that you just didn't go to sleep it off that night. Tensions were rising, and you and your friend had a fight. Car keys in hand, you stormed out of the bar.

And the first thing you did was get into your car. Last year your friend did the same thing and died. Can't you remember how much everyone cried? The last news that I heard was that you were improving, but not awake.

I hope that by writing this others may learn from your mistake.

*This is a true story, and it happened this summer. Someone that I have known since kindergarten got in an accident. He was rushed to the U of A hospital and I do not even know if he is alive. I am not trying to tell people to stop having fun, just to be more careful. One night of fun is not worth the rest of your precious life if you do not know when to quit.*

### 3 LINES FOR FREE...

Angela,

I hope you have a wonderful fall break. You're such a joy to have around. Love, your secret pal

(Hmmm, it might have helped if this paper was out sooner)

Dear SP,

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(Ummm, yeah, we need more submissions)

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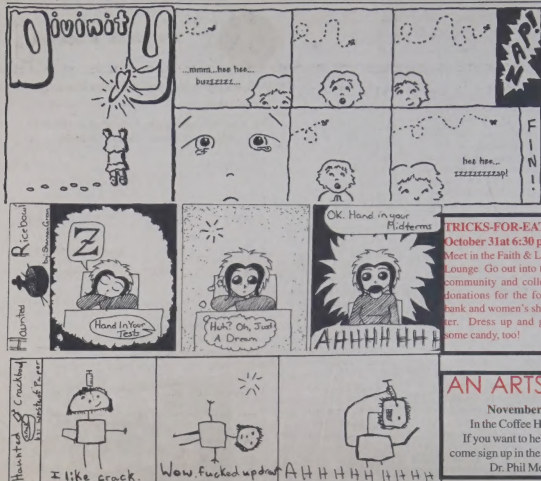
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## SPORTS

## More or Less: Sports

- by Craig Mackie

This column is really just a ruse, an abuse of editorial powers in order to write whatever I want about my friends and sports. Well, no, that's not out of the way: Men's hockey team got trounced by the Oaks, but I'm sure they'll do better next time. Besides which, although his last name is by far hardest to pronounce on the team, Lonnie Letawsky is a definite fan favorite. Random fan quote (for real), "I think Lonnie is a really nice person, both scholastically and athletically he is a model among men." "I'm more into mullets and Camrose Cabs, but Lonnie seems more sensitive, more open to new things." uh... Word is there's a recreational Women's Hockey Team. Nice work.

Women's basketball is dandy, they won their home opener handily. However, they will miss their point guard Joy who has decided to take up skipping professionally(?). Men's basketball is bouncing along. They got beat in the home opener but NAIT is apparently the best team in the province and they came within 8 at one point.

Volley ball is a winner. I like volleyball.

Running wraps up with ACAC champs in Calgary and their year end party, theme: private school uniforms. Who's idea was that? Adamanda=Britney. Huh huh. Ummm pig tails.

Curling: the oldest Olympians that can out drink any other team on the plane ride there.



## Dear Crabby

Screw Dr. Phil  
Forget Dr. Laura too!  
Dear Crabby is available.  
So I guess he'll do!  
Some problems have arisen with the new "Dear Crabby" column. Specifically, Crabby is still learning to use "the ski-mail", and was unable to distinguish real questions from junk mail. We apologize for the quality of this month's *Dear Crabby*, and hope things come around soon. All "Bad words" have been replaced by colorful metaphors in bold print.

Dear Crabby,  
I "accidentally" threw a cat off the bridge... well it was more of a science experiment than anything, but back to the point. Some dumb **Canine of the female gender** was watching and decided to tell her RA. Now I get RA's all over my **Donkey** telling me I'm going to get cided. Where the **Sexual Intercourse** does it say in the Augustana conduct book that throwing cats off bridges is prohibited, especially in the name of science? I mean that **Woman of II Repute** of a cat bit my In or Dur-

ing the Act of Sexual Intercourse hand so I decided to make sure gravity was still working. It's not like the cat broke all of its legs, besides, there's plenty of cats to go around this campus!

Confused

Dear Confused,

Ooo, I've heard bad things about cat bites. They carry diseases that prey on the genitals of angst-ridden degenerates. I'd watch real close for shivering if I were you. I know this one feller that got bit by a femur and the next day his urine turned orange. Anyhow, my advice is you should wear a clove of garlic around your neck for a week, in case this cat has any vampirical qualities. You should also not throw cats off bridges as it seems to upset people. People get upset because they know that those cats are a valuable resource. They keep the number of mice in the ravine complex to a minimum, and they provide a viable meat product for the cafeteria.

Dear Crabby,

What advice would you give to someone considering becoming a nun?

Becky

Dear Becky,  
Don't have sex or do drugs.

Dear Crabby,

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CindymikeNMHh!

Dear CindymikeNMHh!

Okay,

Dear Crabby,

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amv22cw,

Dear amv22cw,

No thank you.

CindymikeNMHh! says that I don't have to pay for that sort of thing if I give her my credit card number.

Dear Crabby,

## MAKE-OVER OF THE MONTH

We caught up with Deer Boy to witness this miracle of sexy transformation.

Dag: Deer Boy, what's it like being a deer?

DB: Well, it kinda sucks. Once



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I heard that you could buy a brick from the Faith and Life building. Is this true? Where can I get these bricks? And how much are they?

I-Law-Woman's-Hockey

Dear I-Law-Woman's-Hockey:

Yes, absolutely. Bricks are four dollars a pound, or else you can buy binder blocks from the Ravine complex at two dollars a

pound. I've been told you can talk to a Mr. "Richard Husflon" about the purchase of these bricks. I'm afraid he only takes cash, no refunds.

You can submit your questions to *Dear Crabby*, at the Daglightle office, or at: [dearcabby@hotmail.com](mailto:dearcabby@hotmail.com)

After years of ridicule and ostracization, on the brink of breaking down, barely able to face another day, Deer Boy was saved by the two last shining stars in his world: his guardian angels. They graced the earth for but one reason: to make

those around them the sexiest they could possibly be. Those two nymphs of Augustana routinely seduce poor souls born into lives that are crossed with wild animals and provide them with miraculous life saving make-overs. And why not?



the novelty wears off people normally resent the fact that I only eat berries and poop on their lawns. I'm no Teenwolf you know. You never hear people talking about doing it "deer style" do you? Hunting season's a bit of a downer too.

Dag: Are you afraid of losing your individuality?

DB: Are you afraid of losing your virginity? Answer: a bit, but it's worth it in the end.

Dag: Is there hope for Deer Boy?

Nymph 1 and 2 in unison: Deer Boy will be an interesting project, we are gods of beauty though. I mean, we make people beautiful - it's what we do. We once did the Easter Bunny and Santa Clause at the same time.



some time later...

Dag: Wow Deer Boy, you look great!

DB: Please, call me Irresistible Stud Boy ISB for short, or BIS, or SIB, or BSI, or SBI or IBS, either one works. Yes, I feel great. In fact I feel like some barbecued venison and berries.

Nymphs: We like you ISB. We'll work on your name later, after, uh, the barbecue. Do you want to be our date for Halloween? We could dress up like cats!

Dag: Good luck ISB. That certainly is a fantastical change. (Deer Boy, did you see Bovie of the Month?)

November is Relationships Month!

Matchmakers are on their way; they will be handed out at an upcoming floor meeting, if you are off-campus and would like to participate, please contact Jason (608-2916) or Breanna (608-2919).

Attention Couples!!! November 13 is The Relationship Game. Sign up in the Cafeteria at lunchtime in Nov. for your chance to play!

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